

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Grace Notes
April 2020



Nursery Open

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Sunday Worship Service

9:00 AM

Sunday School

Children-Youth

every Sunday

10:45-11:30 AM

Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM

Fellowship Hour

Follows the worship service

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

7:45-12:45 PM

Closed Fridays

Grace UM Church Staff:

Rev. Mike Kelly, Pastor

Jean Tedrick, Organist

Kathy Scudder,
Administrative Assistant/
Treasurer

Evelyn Einfeldt,
Financial Secretary

Terry Oakden, Custodian



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings my Friends,

I come to you as we face uncharted times together. The fears and reality of the Covid 19 virus has kept us apart, but only physically. I hope that you have found some solace and spiritual growth in the emails that I have posted. We, as a church and God's people, have had to move away from the ministry as we knew it and had grown accustomed too and learn new levels of creativity and new ways to remain connected in His name. It's messy and hard, but nothing we have to do can ever hold a candle to what Jesus did for us.

We need to remember that message, not just at Easter but every day of our lives. I am thankful that I have been chosen to take this opportunity to continue to spread the word and continue to strive to be what God wants me to be. I am also thankful that every one of you are on this journey with me.

In the weeks and perhaps months that it takes for this to be over, I pray that this crisis has made me a better Pastor, a better Disciple, a better family man and a better person in general and I believe that it will. I ask that you all take this time to think about and pray about how this virus can positively affect your life and live it to the fullest.

In His name,
Pastor Mike



Please note that the information in this newsletter is uncertain due to the coronavirus outbreak. Some meetings have definitely been canceled. Other meetings, especially at the end of the month, are tentative.

EASTER INFORMATION

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Grace UMC will be hosting the annual Maundy Thursday soup supper and worship service on April 9. At 5:00 pm there will be a soup dinner in the dining room. After the supper, at 6:00, a worship service will be held in the dining room. *(Please watch for email updates to see if the service will be happening.)*



Easter this year is on April 12. We hope to have an uplifting and meaningful worship service at 9:00 AM.

If we don't have a worship service, Pastor Mike is working on videoing his sermon and putting it out on social media.

He is also looking at the real possibility of having "drive thru" communion, beginning at 8:30 am on Easter. All are welcome.

EASTER ENDOWMENT FUND

This year, because of the uncertainty of having a worship service for Easter, it doesn't make sense for people to order lilies for the altar. If you would like to still remember a loved one at Easter time, donations to the endowment fund are welcomed and encouraged.

If you would like to give to the Endowment Fund, please mail your check to the church office. Names of givers and those honored or memorialized will be printed in the May newsletter.

Endowment Fund _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN CIRCLE
HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR APRIL

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S GROUP
HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR APRIL

SUPPER CLUB
HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR APRIL

PAY PAL

The church is set up to accept secure donations through Pay Pal. You can access Pay Pal by going to the church's website (gumccorning.org). Please be aware that when using Pay Pal, 2.9% of the donation and \$.30 per transaction is taken from the contribution.

SPRING BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library will be holding their Spring Book Sale April 25-May 2. The sale will be held at the East Corning Fire Hall, 11873 E Corning Road in Corning.

FAITH IN ACTION

UMW FOOD COLLECTION

The UMW has committed to aiding those in need by collecting items for the local food pantry. We encourage you to give canned goods and other non-perishable items each month. A great way to give items is to take advantage of the stores Buy One Get One Free sales. Your gifts may be placed in the cabinet located in the sanctuary. We will highlight the following items:

Tuna Fish - January, May, September
Peanut Butter - February, June, October
Soups - March, July, November
Vegetables - April, August, December

LIVING FAITH ENDOWMENT FUND

The Living Faith Endowment Fund offers an important alternative form of giving to Grace United Methodist Church. Money given to that fund is invested and the interest, when favorable, makes a significant contribution to the church. As such, it is a fund that works for us and keeps on giving. A gift in memory or in honor of a loved one is a gift that will continue to give and support the mission and ministry of Grace Church.

TRANSPORTATION

Want to attend Sunday worship, but don't have the transportation? Grace Church's Membership Care Committee offers a transportation service. Contact the church by Thursday morning and we will arrange to have Vet Taxi service pick you up and take you back home. Contact the church office (936-6145) for more information.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

Due to the HIPAA privacy rules, the church doesn't always receive notification from the local hospitals when someone is admitted. Please call the church office, or have a family member call, if you are in the hospital and would like to receive a visit. Also, if you are at home recuperating and would like a visit, just give the office a call (936-6145).



Church Family News

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 – Joseph Van Etten
4 – Matthew Smith
5 – Chris Fortier
6 – Rita Lee May
7 – Abbey Fortier
9 – Dawn Stead
12 – Maryann Smith
14 – Doug Bronson
17 – Michelle Lee
20 – Nora Jungquist
22 – Kayla Goforth
23 – Janis Witchey
27 – Marilyn Marley
Leland Watson, Jr.
28 – Kristen Stead
29 – Velva Vine
30 – Evelyn Einfeldt

BIRTHDAY BRUNCH

Grace Church wants to celebrate your birthday!! On the last Sunday of each month, during the fellowship hour, we hold a brunch and celebrate those having birthdays in that month. For April the date will be the 26th. Bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. All are welcome!

GRACE YOUTH

1 – Mya White
3 – Brooke Terwilliger
3 – Grant Terwilliger
26 – Zachary Harpster

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3 – Steve & Tanya Loomis
9 – Dave & Nancy Johnson
19 – Brett & Meri Terwilliger

THANK YOU NOTE

To everyone at Grace United Methodist Church: Words cannot express how thankful we are for your love and support to our family during the passing of our brother, Gary, and for your love and support towards our sweet brother, Rusty. Your support has made this time so much easier. Rusty loves his role at the church, and he loves his church family. God is surely at work in each and every one of you. Sincerely, the family of Gary Dye



FAITH IN ACTION

Grace United Methodist Church is now collecting donations for 20 birthing kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Below are the items that make up the kits. Please bring in individual items, all items to make a kit or monetary donations. *Items should be brought to the church by the end of May, 2020.*

20 Small Bar Soap - 1 oz. to 2 oz. size (Already donated.)

Do not remove from original packaging

Small bars such as those found in hotels are acceptable



20 Pairs Thin Gloves (Already donated by Everything Medical.)

latex, surgical or thin rubber gloves are acceptable

20 Square Yards of Clear Plastic Sheeting (Already donated.)

Must be 4 millimeters thick

Plastic trash bags and shower curtains are not acceptable

60 – 12 inch Long Pieces of Cotton String (bundle of 3 strings)

Must be clean

Secure the pieces of string by bundling and tying them together

No yarn please



20 Single Edge Razor Blade (9 left over from 2019)

Must be covered in paper or cardboard to keep it from causing injury

Regular shaving razors are not acceptable

40 Receiving Blankets (9 left over from 2019)

Sizes may range from 28" x 28" to 32" x 32"

No thermal or fleece blankets please



20 Plastic Bags

One gallon size sealable bags only

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Processing & Shipping Costs: \$30 (\$1.50 per kit)



Below schedule is tentative at this point.
VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
APRIL 2020

*Please note that there are many areas in need of volunteers, especially Fellowship & Nursery.
 Let the church office know if you would like to help out in any of these areas.*



Date	Greeters - 3	Liturgist	Fellowship	Communion	Ushers - 3	Flowers	Bulletins
4/5	1. 2. 3.	Ted Tubbs		Gerry Bruielly BettyLou Taynton	1. Marvin Lee 2. Dan Towns 3. Rusty Dye		
4/12 Easter	1. 2. 3.	Nancy VanEtten		.	1. Rick Bostwick 2. Gary Fisher 3. Rusty Dye	Easter Lilies	Pauline Wilson
4/19	1. Pat Osborn 2. 3.	Dan Towns	Dan Towns & Gail McIntyre		1. Jeff Smith 2. Pat Osborn 3. Rusty Dye		
4/26	1. 2. 3.	Dave Patterson	Birthday Brunch		1. Rusty Dye 2. Gail McIntyre 3. Pat Edger		

Thank you to all who volunteer their time for these ministries and to those who donate flowers or bulletins.
 Your time and help is very much appreciated!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	PLEASE NOTE ALL MEETINGS & WORSHIP SERVICES ARE TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME.		1 12:00 AA, 201	2 12:00 AA, 201	3 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	4 12:00 AA, 201
5 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR	6 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	7 12:00 AA, 201	8 12:00 AA, 201	9 Maundy Thursday 12:00 AA, 201 5:00 Soup Supper, DR 6:00 Worship, DR 	10 Good Friday 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	11 12:00 AA, 201
12 <i>Easter</i> 8:30 Drive Thru Communion (if no worship) 9:00 Worship, S	13 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	14 12:00 AA, 201 5:15 Memorial, L 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	15 12:00 AA, 201	16 12:00 AA, 201	17 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	18 12:00 AA, 201
19 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Fellowship, DR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	20 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Girl Scouts, 204 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders, 201 Newsletter Deadline	21 9:30 Membership Care L 12:00 AA, 201 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S	22 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bell Rehearsal, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, DR/RH	23 12:00 AA, 201	24 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 NA, DR	25 12:00 AA, 201
26 9:00 Worship, S 10:00 Birthday Brunch, DDR 10:30 Adult Sunday School, L 10:45 Sunday School	27 12:00 AA, 201 4:30 Finance, L 6:00 NA, DR 6:00 Girl Scouts, 204	28 9:00 WIC, DR 12:00 AA, 201 7:00 Harmonious Choir, S 7:00 Elmira Kennel Club, L	29 12:00 AA, 201 6:00 Bell Rehearsal, S 6:10 Boy Scouts, DR/RH	30 12:00 AA, 201	ABBREVIATIONS K = Kitchen L = Lounge S = Sanctuary BC = Bethany Chapel DR = Dining Room RH = Reed Hall	



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